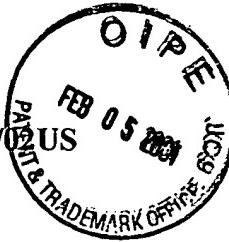


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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXTENSION OF GROUP BUYING THROUGHOUT THE INTERNET

the specification and claims of which:

[] is attached hereto;

[✓] were filed as United States Application Serial No. 09/686,778 on October 10, 2000, and identified as Attorney Docket No. MCTA 003/02 US,

[] was filed as PCT International Application No. ____ on ____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 or Article 34 on ____ (if applicable);

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of said invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent, any foreign application(s) for inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below; I have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, any foreign application(s) for inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

COUNTRY/INTERNATIONAL	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
			YES NO
			YES NO

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or §365 of any United States application(s) or of any international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date(s) of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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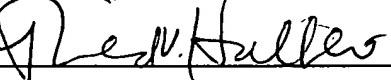
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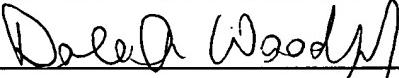
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**POWER TO PROSECUTE BY ASSIGNEE
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application, as evidenced by the attached copy of the Assignment, hereby appoints:

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all of the firm of Cooley Godward LLP, as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith, said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and their attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of Rule 36 of the Patent Office Rules of Practice.

The assignee certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief it is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified application as evidenced by:

- An assignment document, a copy of which is enclosed herewith;
- An assignment previously recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel ____, Frame ____.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

Date: 1/18/01 Signature: 
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Mercata, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/686,778 Filed/Issue Date: October 10, 2000

Entitled: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXTENSION OF GROUP BUYING THROUGHOUT THE INTERNET**

Mercata, Inc.
(Name of Assignee)

a, Corporation

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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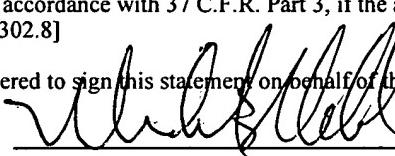
Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

[NOTE] A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the PTO. See MPEP 302-302.8

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

Date: 1/18/01



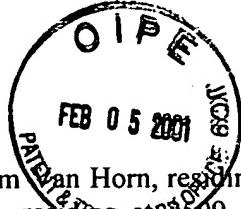
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Mike Rodden

Typed or printed name

Vice President and General Counsel

Title



ASSIGNMENT

Tom Horn, residing at 9501 SE Fifth Street, Bellevue, Washington 98004, Richard V. Halbert, residing at 1009 Sahalee Drive E, Redmond, Washington 98053, and Dale A. Woodford, residing at 10828 180th Court NE, Redmond, Washington 98053, (hereinafter each referred to as "Assignor") have made an invention(s) relating to certain new and useful improvements in:

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THROUGHOUT THE INTERNET**

set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which is a

- (1) [] provisional application
 - (a) [] to be filed herewith; or
 - (b) [] bearing Application No. , and filed on ; or
- (2) [✓] non-provisional application
 - (a) [] having an oath or declaration executed on prior to filing of application; or
 - (b) [✓] bearing Application No. 09/686,778, and filed on October 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mercata, Inc., a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of California, and having its principal place of business at 3655-131st Avenue S.E., Floor 5, Bellevue, WA 98006-1330 (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention(s), the right to file applications on said invention(s) and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned invention(s), the right to file applications on said invention(s) and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and

entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the Assignor is a lawful owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention(s) set forth in said applications and said applications, including provisional applications, above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered, and that the Assignor has good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth;

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns that the Assignor will, whenever counsel of the Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said invention(s) or said applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent or Patents for said invention(s) in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any application claiming priority to said application, division, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any applications for Letters Patent or Patents, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent or Patents to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent or Patents for said invention(s), without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns;

AND the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of COOLEY GODWARD L.L.P. to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, the date of execution of the oath or declaration, and attorney docket number of said application when known;

AND the Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee, as the Assignee of said invention(s) and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Date: 1/17/01

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Tom Van Horn

Date: Jan 18, 2001

By: Richard V. Halbert
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